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Comments on Microsoft Settlement:

The DOJ should leave Microsoft and other great innovative companies alone. Where would we be today if Bill Gates had not configured the Basic computer language. Only a small elite group would work with computers.

Why should Gates and other people/companies with brains, guts, and innovative ideas be punished just because their competition did not come up with the idea first. Microsoft has made it possible for me and my child to be computer literate at an affordable price. What has SunMicro done for me? I have no idea. If the DOJ smashes Gates and company, why should anyone want to take a chance and create something innovative? (Look at Sweden) Let's keep the American free enterprise system just that- free. Microsoft has not harmed the general public. It's competitors might have been harmed because they did not come up with (Microsoft's) idea first. This whole situation sounds like the competitors are sore losers looking for a way to get Microsoft's brain. Let the competitors create their own brain child, that the general public wants. If you make something the public wants, they will buy it. If SunMicro can't come up with new innovative products for the public, tough.

If Microsoft wants to give poor schools computers and software, go for it. How else will these kids get to be computer literate. I don't see SunMicro giving any schools anything.

Sincerely,

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